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In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated unless THE context requires otherwise:

(1) "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland as defined in § 82 of this article.

(2) "Public school" means any day school conducted within the State under the authority and supervision of a duly appointed county board of education and any educational institution supported by and under the control of the State, such as the State normal schools and the School for the Deaf.

(3) "Teacher" means any teacher, helping teacher, principal, supervisor or superintendent, attendance officer, or clerk employed in a public day school within the State or in any State educational institution supported and controlled by the State. The term does not include a teacher, helping teacher, or other employee who is employed pursuant to a federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) public service employment program. In all cases of doubt the board of trustees hereinafter defined, shall determine whether any person is a teacher as defined in this article.

(4) "Member" means any teacher included in the membership of the system as provided in § 83 of this article.

(5) "Board of trustees" means the board provided for in § [158] 159 of this article to administer the retirement system.

(6) "Medical board" means a board of physicians provided for in § [158] 159 of this article.

(7) "Service" means service as a teacher as described in subsection (3) of this section and paid for by the State of Maryland.

(8) "Prior service" means service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system for which credit is allowable under § 85 of this article.

(9) "Membership service" means service as a teacher rendered while a member of the retirement system.

(10) "Creditable service" means "prior service" plus "membership service" for which credit is allowable as provided in § 85 of this article.

(11) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance or other benefit as provided by this subtitle.